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(57) Abstract

The invention provides genes from the *I2* Fusarium resistance locus of tomato belonging to a multigene family herein designated *I2C*. The DNA molecules of the invention are useful as a tomato resistance gene to plant vascular diseases caused by Fusarium pathogens, particularly *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *lycopersici* race 2, or as probes for breeding Fusarium-resistant tomato lines or for screening of new diseases in plants of the Solanaceae family. Further provided are Fusarium-resistant tomato lines transformed by an *I2C* resistance gene of the invention.

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Transgenic Tomato Plants Containing a Fusarium Resistance Gene

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to genes from the *I2* Fusarium resistance locus of tomato belonging to a multigene family herein designated I2C, useful either as a tomato resistance gene to plant vascular diseases caused by Fusarium pathogens, or as probes for breeding Fusarium resistant tomatoes or for screening of new diseases in related plants of the Solanaceae family, and to transformed plants, particularly Fusarium resistant tomatoes.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

20 Resistance to pathogens is thought to involve a specific recognition between a resistant plant and the pathogen, which triggers a set of responses that act to confine the pathogen. The specificity of this process is considered to involve a recognition between the products of a plant resistance (R) gene and a cognate pathogen avirulence gene (Dangl, 1995; Staskawicz et al., 1995). The characterization of resistance genes is of 25 major importance for elucidating the initiation of the cascade of events that leads to specific resistance responses, as well as for more efficient introduction of resistance to pathogens into important crops.

Several resistance genes have been cloned recently by positional cloning or by transposon tagging. These genes include: the *Hm1* gene of maize (Johal and Briggs, 30 1992), the *Pto* gene of tomato (Martin et al., 1993), the *Cf-9* gene of tomato (Jones et al., 1994), the *RPS2* (Bent et al., 1994; Mindrinos et al., 1994) and the *RPM1* (Grant, 1995) genes from *Arabidopsis*, the *N* gene from tobacco (Whitham et al., 1994), and the *L6*

gene from flax (Ellis et al., 1995; Lawrence et al, 1995). These resistance genes show diverse biological characteristics. The *HMI* gene is the only example to date where the gene product acts directly to inactivate a component of the pathogen attack, or a compatibility factor (Briggs and Johal, 1994). The other genes belong to a different 5 genetic category, that of incompatibility (or gene for gene) interaction, based on the recognition by the resistance gene product of an avirulence (or incompatibility) component of the pathogen, which does not necessarily participate in the compatibility or in the infection processes (Briggs and Johal, 1994). These genes are all involved in resistance processes characterized by hypersensitive response (HR). In spite of their 10 origin from different plant species, and their divergent specificity to viral, fungal or bacterial pathogens, a group of these R genes share several structural features. A nucleotide-binding domain (P-loop) and five additional amino-acid stretches of unknown function are conserved in their N-terminal region. A region of leucine-rich repeats (LRR) is present in their C terminus, though the consensus sequence and the length of the 15 repeats are different among them. LRR were shown to be involved in protein-protein interactions in other proteins (Kobe and Deisenhofer, 1994; Kobe and Deisenhofer, 1995), and may have similar role in resistance genes. The *N* gene, the *L6* gene and the *Cf-9* gene were shown to belong to large gene families, partially clustered with the 20 resistance gene. The detailed genomic distribution of these multigene families is yet unknown.

The soil-born fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* is the causative agent of severe wilt diseases in a large variety of plant species world-wide. It is an imperfect fungus for which no sexual cycle is known. The tomato-specific pathogen *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* (*F.o.l*) causes the disease Fusarium wilt. The fungus penetrates the 25 vascular system of roots from both resistant and susceptible varieties, mainly through wounds. During a compatible interaction, which leads to disease, the fungus proceeds through the vascular system which eventually collapses. This leads to wilt and often to death of the plant. During an incompatible interaction, resulting in resistance, the fungus is confined to the lower part of the roots, and further symptoms do not develop. Several 30 mechanisms, not including HR, were suggested to be involved in this resistance. They include: the production of inhibitory secondary metabolites, and structural barriers such as vascular gelation, callose deposition, and abnormal membrane outgrowths of vascular

parenchyma cells, termed tyloses. Most of these processes, thought to be involved in resistance to vascular diseases, are detectable also in compatible interactions, though to a lesser extent. Therefore the exact sequence of events that leads to resistance is still unknown.

5 Three races of *F.o.I.* and their cognate R genes have been identified in tomato. The classification of different *F.o.I.* isolates into races does not correlate with their general genetic resemblance, as established by restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) analysis and distribution into vegetative compatibility groups (VCG; Elias et al., 1993). The *I* locus, introgressed from *L. pimpinellifolium*, confers resistance to *F.o.I* race
10 1, and is located on the short arm of chromosome 11, between the RFLP markers *TG523* and *CP58* (Eshed and Ori, unpublished). The *I3* locus from chromosome 7 of *L. pennellii* confers resistance to races 1, 2 and 3 of *F.o.I.* (Bournival et al., 1990). This locus appears to be composed of three separate but linked genes (Scott and Jones, 1991). The *I2* locus, introgressed from *L. pimpinellifolium*, confers resistance to race 2 of the pathogen. We
15 previously mapped *I2* to the long arm of chromosome 11, between the RFLP markers *TG105* and *TG36*, very close to *TG105* (Segal et al., 1992; Ori et al., 1994). In previous studies we utilized recombinant inbred (RI) lines for mapping *I2* (Ori et al., 1994). However this population turned to be problematic for mapping of this region because of a very high recombination rate, including double recombinations, especially in the region
20 of *I2*.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It has now been found in accordance with the present invention that high resolution genetic and physical mapping of the *I2* region, using a large and conclusive F2 population (3200 meiotic gametes), show complete cosegregation between *I2* and a cluster of genes on chromosome 11 belonging to a new multigene family, herein designated *I2C*.

Additional multigene family members are dispersed between four different loci, on three different chromosomes, either in clusters or as single genes. Two *I2C* genomic clones were isolated from the locus completely linked to *I2* and sequenced, and were herein designated *I2C-1* and *I2C-2*. Their sequences show striking structural similarity with a group of recently isolated resistance (R) genes, which includes the above-

mentioned *RPS2* and the *RPM1* genes from *Arabidopsis*, the *N* gene from tobacco and the *L6* gene from flax. These genes confer resistances to specific pathogens of viral, bacterial and fungal origin, and share common features. They contain a conserved nucleotide binding domain, termed P-loop, in their N terminus, and five other conserved domains of unknown function. At least half of their C terminus is composed of leucine rich repeats (LRR).

A few partial cDNA clones from the I2C family were further examined, such as the herein designated I2C-3 and I2C-4 cDNA clones, and show that family members differ from each other mainly by insertions or deletions.

The deduced amino acid sequence encoded by members of this gene family reveals a region of LRRs, as well as a P-loop and other motifs in common with the above-mentioned recently characterized plant resistance genes.

Thus, in one aspect, the present invention provides a DNA molecule selected from the group comprising:

- 15 (i) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-1 (SEQ. ID. NO.:1);
- 16 (ii) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-2 (SEQ. ID. NO.:2);
- 17 (iii) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-3 (SEQ. ID. NO.:3);
- 18 (iv) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-4 (SEQ. ID. NO.:4);
- 19 (v) a DNA molecule characterized by containing a coding sequence representing at least 60% similarity with the encoded open reading frame in the DNA sequence of at least one of the DNA molecules (i) and (ii);
- 20 (vi) a DNA molecule capable of hybridization with any one of the DNA molecules (i)-(v) under moderately stringent conditions;
- 21 (vii) a DNA molecule that differs, by insertion, deletion or as a result of the degenerative nature of the genetic code, from the DNA sequences (i)-(vi); and
- 22 (viii) a fragment of any of the DNA molecules (i)-(vii).

The DNA molecule defined in (v) above contains preferably a coding sequence representing 70-80% similarity with the encoded open reading frame in the DNA

sequence of at least one of the DNA molecules (i) and (ii). The moderately stringent conditions required in (vi) above are such as those conditions described in Sambrook et al., *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, 2nd. edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, New York, 1989.

5 One of the members of the multigene family I2C consisting of a DNA molecule as defined in (i)-(vii) above will confer resistance to *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp *lycopersici* race 2 in tomato plants. In another aspect, the invention relates to a gene construct comprising such DNA as a genomic clone including regulatory sequences that flank the coding region thereof, and to a cosmid, into which said gene construct has been
10 subcloned, for direct transformation of tomato plants.

15 In another embodiment, a DNA molecule according to the invention may be subcloned into a plant transformation vector under the control of regulatory elements capable of enabling the expression of said DNA molecule in plant cells. Said DNA regulatory sequences comprise, for example, a plant promoter, a DNA sequence that enhances translation of the mRNA transcribed from said DNA molecule and a polyadenylation/terminator sequence.

20 In a further embodiment the invention provides a tomato cell line or a tomato plant line transformed with a cosmid or with an expression vector of the invention, and to tomato plants regenerated from said transformed cells

25 In another aspect of the invention, a DNA molecule or fragment thereof as defined in (i)-(viii) above may be used as a direct RFLP probe employing standard protocols for breeding tomatoes resistant to *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp *lycopersici* race 2, or to examine the homologous multigene family in related plants of the Solanaceae family, e.g. potato, pepper, petunia, eggplant, preferably plants which have colinear genomic maps with tomatoes, for finding new species-specific disease linkages with said probes. The thus bred tomato plants and related plants of the Solanaceae family are also encompassed by the present invention.

30 Thus the invention provides a method of selective breeding of *Fusarium* resistant tomatoes employing a DNA molecule according to the invention as a direct restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) probe, which comprises:

(i) marking said DNA molecule with a suitable marker; and

(ii) reacting said probe of (i) with DNA extract of a tomato plant under hybridization conditions;

thus obtaining restriction-length polymorphism that is indicative of a resistance-type gene, which facilitates the selection of progeny that contains said resistance gene.

The invention further provides a method of screening new diseases in plants of the Solanaceae family employing a DNA molecule according to the invention as a direct RFLP probe which comprises:

(i) marking said DNA molecule with a suitable marker; and

10 (ii) reacting said probe of (i) with DNA extracts from said Solanaceae species,

thus identifying the homologous gene family in those species which can be linked to known resistance genes in those species.

15 **DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figs. 1A-C depict genetic and physical maps of the tomato gene *I2* region. (1A) Genetic linkage map of chromosome 11, adopted from Eshed et al. (1995). The *I* and *I2* Fusarium resistance loci were positioned according to Eshed (unpublished) and Segal et al. (1992), respectively; (1B) High resolution mapping of the genetic region spanning 20 RFLP markers *TG105A* and *TG36*, as revealed from analysis of 1600 F2 and F3 individuals; (1C) Physical map of YAC 340-63, with relevant markers indicated. The total length of YAC 340-63 is 350 kb.

Fig. 2 shows Southern blot analysis of genomic tomato DNA of resistant and susceptible parental types and of the fixed recombinant F2 plant BR 30(5). DNA samples 25 were digested with *TaqI*, and the blot hybridized with *SL8* probe. R and S indicate *F.o.I* race 2 resistant and susceptible individuals, respectively. R lanes, parental types which are a nonrecombinant resistant type F2 individual from the F2 population initiated from Br5577; S lanes, parental lines which are the sensitive tomato inbreds *L. esculentum* var. M82 and *L. esculentum* var. S-365. BR 30(5) is the single recombinant identified within 30 the *SL8* cluster, from the entire F2 population. TR1-TR8 indicate resistant-type polymorphic bands, as established by examination of this and additional gels. Sizes in kb are indicated on the right.

Figs. 3A-B show distribution of *SL8*-homologues in the tomato genome. (1A) Linkage maps of chromosomes 8, 9 and 11. The linkage maps were adopted from Eshed et al. (1995). The relevant introgressed regions of the ILs are illustrated on the right of each tomato linkage map (solid lines). Asterisks indicate approximate map positions of known disease resistance genes. The mapped positions of the *SL8* loci are indicated; (1B) Southern blot of *TaqI* digested DNA of representative ILs. *L. pennellii* fragments in the blot are designated A, B, C, D and E according to their genomic location, as indicated in panel A.

Fig. 4 depicts the nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of the clone herein designated I2C-1 [SEQ. ID. NOS:1 and 5, respectively]. The first translated nucleotide is no. 1. Sequences conserved between resistance genes are double underlined. Leucine Rich Repeats (LRRs) region and other AA repeats are single underlined. A putative Leucine-Zipper domain is underlined with dots.

Fig. 5 depicts the nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of the clone herein designated I2C-2 [SEQ. ID. NOS:2 and 6, respectively]. The first translated nucleotide is no. 1. Sequences conserved between resistance genes are double underlined.

Fig. 6 depicts the partial nucleotide sequence of the 3' of the cDNA clone herein designated I2C-3. [SEQ. ID. NO:3]

Fig. 7 depicts the partial nucleotide sequence of the 3' of the cDNA clone herein designated I2C-4. [SEQ. ID. NO:4]

Fig. 8 shows comparison of the deduced amino acid sequences of the genomic clones I2C-1, I2C-2 [SEQ. ID. NOS:5 and 6] and of the resistance genes RPS2 and RMP1 from *Arabidopsis*, N from tobacco and L6 from flax (Bent et al., 1994; Dangl, 1995; Grant, 1995; Jones et al., 1994; Mindrinos et al., 1994; Lawrence et al., 1995; Whitham et al., 1994) [SEQ. ID. NOS:7, 8 and 9]. Residues numbers are from the first translated methionine of each sequence. Consensus sequence in the N terminal region is indicated only when minimum number of gaps was needed for alignment of at least 5 out of 6 residues. Symbols are: con., consensus sequence; a, aliphatic residue; - and +, negatively or positively charged residues, respectively. Boxes containing stretches of conserved residues are indicated by a line above the sequences, and numbered from I to VI.

Fig. 9 shows alignment of the leucine reach repeats (LRR) of I2C-1 [SEQ. ID. NO:5], and their consensus sequence. (Top) Alignment in the region from residues 558 to 1220 of I2C-1 where alignment to consensus sequence is optimized; (Bottom) A comparison of the consensus sequences of the I2C-1 LRR with those of the resistance genes RPS2, N and Cf-9, and the T-LR SAG expression site associated leucine rich protein from *Trypanosoma brucei*. α represents an aliphatic residue.

Fig. 10 shows comparison of the 3' end of four I2C family members. I2C-1 and I2C-2 are the deduced amino acid sequences [SEQ. ID. NOS:5 and 6] as in Fig. 8. I2C-3 and I2C-4 are the deduced amino acid sequences [SEQ. ID. NOS:10 and 11] derived from partial cDNA clones from a λ gt 10 library. The sequence of I2C-4 is a chimera between three ORFs, originally separated by one base insertions which caused two frame shifts. The junctions where separated ORFs were combined are indicated by arrows. Con. indicates consensus and is shown when a residue is present in all 4 sequences. Numbers are from the first methionine in sequences I2C-1 and I2C-2 [SEQ. ID. NOS:5, 6] and from the first residue of the available sequence for I2C-3 and I2C-4 [SEQ. ID. NOS:10 and 11]. Brackets indicate a repeat unit of 23 amino acids which appears in variable copy number in the 3' end of the cDNA clones.

Fig. 11 depicts cosmids 12-134 and 12-150, which contain the genes I2C-1 and I2C-2, respectively, in the BamHI site of cosmid TDNA 04541.

Fig. 12 shows sense constructs from the I2C-134 cosmid, which contains the genomic clone I2C-1 prepared in the PGA492 binary vector.

Fig. 13 shows sense (2-1 and 5-1) and antisense (6-3 and 31-17) constructs comprising the genomic clone I2C-1 or the cDNA clone I2C-3 for transformation of *Fusarium* resistant plants.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to a multigene family, I2C, which is dispersed on three different chromosomes of the tomato genome. Two lines of evidence suggest that a member of this gene family is the *I2* *Fusarium* resistance gene. The first is the complete cosegregation of some of the genes from this family with the *I2* gene; the second is the striking structural similarity between members of this family and a group of recently isolated plant resistance genes (Bent et al., 1994; Dangl, 1995; Grant et al., 1995; Jones

et al., 1994; Mindrinos et al., 1994; Lawrence et al., 1995; Whitham et al., 1994). In addition, *I2C* genes from the *SL8D* locus of the family, which maps to *I2*, were shown here to be very highly polymorphic between *F.o.I.* resistant and susceptible varieties. In a similar fashion, the *Pto* resistance gene was also shown to be a gene family highly 5 polymorphic between bacterial speck resistant and sensitive varieties (Martin et al., 1993). Which of the family members are responsible for resistance can be determined by extensive complementation tests with all members of the *SL8D* cluster.

The *I2C* gene family contains a few motifs that have been identified in plant resistance genes. The N terminus contains a P-loop and 5 additional conserved boxes of 10 unknown function. Different classes of P-loop motifs are common to many but not all nucleotide binding proteins (Saraste et al., 1990). The consensus of this motif varies significantly between different classes of nucleotide binding proteins, but is highly conserved within each class. The consensus sequence GMGGaGKTT, where a designates an aliphatic amino acid, is highly conserved among the P-loops of the genes *I2C-1*, *I2C-2*, *RPS2*, *RPM1*, *N* and *L6*. No other protein in the gene bank were found to contain this 15 consensus sequence. In contrast to the *Cf-9* gene, and perhaps the *RPS2* gene, the *I2C-1* deduced protein sequence does not predict any membrane-spanning domain. Residues 623 to 645 of *I2C-1*, included in the LRR region, fit the consensus for a leucine zipper (Busch and Sassone-Corsi, 1990). This motif is considered to be involved in dimerization 20 of DNA binding proteins. However, sequences that fit this consensus are abundant in the databanks, and the existence of this consensus does not necessarily imply a function.

In common with recently isolated plant resistance genes, the C-terminal parts of the *I2C* genes are composed of leucine rich repeats. The LRR consensus comprising 23 amino acids, together with a lack of a membrane spanning domain in the gene, are 25 consistent with an intracellular location of this gene family (Jones et al., 1994). The LRRs of four members of the *I2C* family show high homology to each other and differ from each other mainly by insertions or deletions. This may be indicative of evolutionary processes, and hint at mechanisms that generate new diversity of LRR. Interestingly, one 30 of the cDNA analyzed, *I2C-4*, contains stop codons within the LRR region, and therefore may result in a truncated protein. This is reminiscent of phenomena described for the *N* and the *L6* genes, where truncated transcripts were described, apparently arising from alternative splicing. In the case of *I2C-4* this mechanism is less likely, since the genes

analysed thus far from the family appear to lack introns. The *I2C* LRR-region consensus is homologous to the trypanosome variable surface glycoprotein (VSG) expression site associated gene *T-LR*. This gene is thought to be involved in the regulation of adenylate cyclase function (Ross et al., 1991; Smiley et al., 1990). LRR were described recently in 5 many proteins, and may be involved in protein-protein interactions (Colicelli et al., 1990; Kobe and Deisenhofer, 1994). Thus, the LRR region may be responsible for specificity of interaction, either with a protein component from the pathogen, or with downstream factors involved in signal transduction. The crystal structure of an interaction of an LRR containing protein, an RNAase inhibitor (RI), with RNAase, was recently described 10 (Kobe and Deisenhofer, 1995). The RI contains a horse-shoe like structure in which individual, 28-29 residues long repeats constitute b-a hairpin units which are aligned parallel to a common axis (Kobe and Deisenhofer, 1993). However, the LRR consensus of *I2C* and of the other plant resistance genes differ from that of RI. In addition, the repeat length of *I2C* varies between 19 and 32 amino acids per repeat. Similar variation 15 in repeat length can be observed in other R genes, which may imply a less organized or different structure than that found for RI.

Using novel tomato genetic populations (Eshed et al., 1992; Eshed and Zamir, 1994; Eshed and Zamir, 1995), all members of the *I2C* family have been mapped according to the present invention. The *I2C* genes are distributed to five locations in the 20 genome, two of which are clusters of several genes, both on chromosome 11. Some of the recently isolated resistance genes were also shown to be members of large, clustered, gene families, but complete mapping data for them is lacking. The complex pattern of distribution of *I2C* is remindfull of the case of *L* and the *M* rust resistance genes of flax (Ellis et al., 1995). In that case, *L* appears to be a single multiallelic gene, whereas 25 homologous sequences map to a more complex *M* locus containing a gene cluster. Both loci may contain resistance genes specific for different races of the same pathogen, or to different pathogens. It is interesting to note in this respect, that the *I2C* copy from chromosome 9 (*SL8B*) maps with a resolution of 5 cM to both the *Tm-2a* TMV resistance gene (Young et al., 1988), and the *Frl* *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *radicis lycopersici* 30 (*F.o.r.l.*; Laterrot and Moretti, 1995). The *I2C* cluster *SL8C* maps in the vicinity of the *Sm Stemphylium* resistance gene, with a resolution of 10 cM (Behare et al., 1991). However, no member of the *I2C* family maps to the *I* locus on the short arm of

chromosome 11, or the *I3* locus in chromosome 7 (Bournival et al., 1990; Scott and Jones, 1991), which confers resistance to races 1, 2 and 3 of *F.o.I*.

Considering that a member of the *I2C* family encodes for the *I2* resistance gene, the present invention shows commonalities between a wilt disease resistance gene and other disease resistance genes. Despite the lack of HR in vascular disease resistance, the *I2C* family belongs to the superclass of resistance genes described for leaf HR. This raises questions concerning the role of the various functional domains of R genes in upstream and downstream events that result in different types of resistance mechanisms.

For transformation of tomato plants, a genomic *I2C* clone according to the invention may be subcloned into any suitable cosmid, such as cosmid TDNA 04541 (Jones et al., 1992). Such constructs contain more than a few kb of genomic DNA upstream and downstream from the gene coding region sufficient for regulated expression. These constructs can be used for direct DNA transfer into plant cells by electroporation (Dekeyser et al., 1990); by polyethyleneglycol (PEG) precipitation (Hayashimoto et al., 1990), by ballistic bombardment (Gordon-Kahn et al., 1990), or by Agrobacterium-mediated transformation (Jones et al., 1992).

Other engineered constructs according to the invention comprise a DNA molecule of the invention and DNA regulatory elements enabling the expression of said DNA molecule in plant cells. Said DNA regulatory sequences comprise, for example, a plant promoter, a DNA sequence that enhances translation of the mRNA transcribed from said DNA molecule and a polyadenylation/terminator sequence.

The plant promoter used in the invention is selected from tissue specific and non-tissue specific plant promoters of different kinds, derived from both mono- and dicotyledoneous plants. The preferred promoter is the commercially available cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S promoter that is generally expressed in most, if not all, plant tissues, including vascular tissues. Another example of promoter expressed in vascular tissues that can be used in the invention is PRB-1b (Eyal et al., 1993).

The promoter is to be found in the 5' region of the gene. At the 3' end of the promoter, a short DNA sequence for 5' mRNA non-translated sequence may be added to enhance translation of the mRNA transcribed from the gene, such as the omega sequence derived from the coat protein gene of the tobacco mosaic virus (Gallie et al., 1987).

Downstream at the 3' end of the resistance gene DNA coding sequence a terminator DNA sequence containing the 3' transcription termination and polyadenylation signal of the mRNA from the resistance gene is installed. Terminator DNA sequences comprised within the 3' flanking DNA sequences of any cloned genes 5 can be used, such as the 3' untranslated sequence of the octopine synthase gene of the Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Greve et al., 1983), or more preferably the 3' untranslated sequence of the nopaline synthase gene (Depicker et al., 1982).

The gene constructs of the invention can be subcloned into expression vectors, such as the Ti plasmids of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, the preferred plasmid being the 10 pGA492 binary vector (An., 1986).

The expression vector comprising the resistance gene is then introduced into plant cells by a transformation protocol capable of transferring DNA to dicotyledoneous plant cells, preferably by infection of plant cells with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* using the leaf-disk protocol (Horsch et al., 1985). For this purpose, tomato leaf explants are 15 infected and the transformed tomato cells are cultured on a suitable medium, preferably a selectable growth medium. Tomato plants can then be regenerated from the resulting callus. Tissue cultures of transformed tomato cells are propagated to regenerate differentiated transformed whole plants. Transgenic plants are thereby obtained whose cells incorporate a *Fusarium* resistance gene in their genome, said gene being expressible 20 in the cells. Seeds from the regenerated transgenic plants can be collected for future use. Transformed plants that are resistant to *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *lycopersici* race 2 can be selected by incorporating a selectable marker such as resistance to kanamycin.

The DNA molecules of the invention can further be used as markers in selective 25 plant breeding as direct RFLP probe as exemplified in Examples 2 and 3 and Figs. 2 and 3 herein, or small fragments thereof can be used for PCR-based technology in marker assisted breeding (review by Tanksley et al., 1995).

In the RFLP probe technology, the DNA from different varieties of tomatoes or 30 related Solanaceae plants is digested by restriction enzymes and fractionated on an agarose gel. Digests are chosen such that the gene of interest will be polymorphic. The DNA fragments are transferred to a nitrocellulose or other similar blotting agent and hybridized to the I2C probe of the invention, preferably under conditions of 6xSSC, 0.5% SDS, at 65°C. The blots are washed, preferably at 2xSSC at room temperature, and

subjected to autoradiography. Further washings at higher temperatures and lower SSC concentrations can be carried out for higher stringency.

The individual DNAs in the population that show the polymorphic signature of the resistance gene can then be further used in a breeding program for the desired traits.

5 An advantage of using these DNA sequences as direct RFLP probes in selective plant breeding is that the presence of disease resistance in plants can then be examined without using phytopathological methods. In addition, by using a direct or tightly-linked DNA marker as probe (based on RFLP or PCR-based technologies), it is possible to select for the desirable trait, i.e. resistance gene without accompanying genetic drag, i.e.

10 transfer of the desired trait by breeding without incorporation of flanking unwanted traits.

The DNA molecules of the invention can further be used as probes to identify homologous multigene families conferring resistance to different diseases in related plants of the Solanaceae family, such as those which have colinear genomic maps with

15 tomatoes, e.g. potato, eggplant, pepper, petunia and the like, for example, by using a marker of the I2C-1 family as a DNA probe to clone the related gene family from said related Solanaceae species, and then using that clone or I2C members directly as DNA probes to analyze genetic lines of those species for RFLP linkage to resistances in said species.

20 In the PCR-technology, a preferred approach uses specific oligonucleotides synthesized according to the sequences of selected regions of the I2C family such that the fragment generated in a PCR reaction will yield a polymorphic band for the resistance trait either by being specific for the resistance-type gene and therefore yielding a null PCR reaction in sensitive plants, or by yielding PCR fragments of different size or 25 different restriction patterns upon using sensitive or resistant sources of the DNA.

The invention now will be illustrated according to the following non-limiting Examples and the drawings herein.

EXAMPLES

30 In the Examples, the following Materials and Methods are used.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

(a) Plant material and genetic mapping

Four *L. esculentum* segregating F2 populations were used for genetic mapping. In each case, an initial cross was made between a parent resistant to *F.o.I* race 2 (R), and a susceptible parent (S). The resistant and susceptible parents for the first 3 populations were, respectively, c.v. Motelle and c.v. Money Maker; c.v. Mogeor and c.v. Vendor; and c.v. Motelle and LA 1113 (chromosome 11 marker stock, kindly provided by Dr. C.M. Rick (UC Davis). The fourth population was initiated from the commercial hybrid line Br5577 (AB Seeds, Ness Ziona, Israel), as F1. The results obtained from the 4 populations were pooled.

(b) Genomic and cDNA libraries, plasmids and probes

YAC8 (YAC 340-63, Cornell collection), which contains the RFLP marker *TG105A*, was generated from the *F.o.I* race 2 resistant tomato line Rio Grande - PtoR, and cloned in the vector pYAC 4 (Martin et al., 1992). Probes from YAC 340-63 that were used for the genetic and physical mapping are as follows. D2 is from a genomic lambda library of the tomato line VFNT cherry, selected during chromosome walking from *TG105*. SL8, SR8 and 6-16, are subclones of IEMBL3 clones from a library of the yeast line that contains YAC 340-63. D14 is a cDNA clone selected by YAC 340-63 from a cDNA library from roots of the *F.o.I* race 2-resistant tomato *L. esculentum* c.v. Mogeor. Additional clones, previously described (Ori et al, 1994), were not polymorphic or not informative in these populations.

cDNA clones which represent members of the I2C family were isolated from three different cDNA libraries. The cDNA libraries were all constructed in λ gt10, from roots or leaves of resistant-type *L. esculentum*. Positive clones were equally abundant in the three different libraries. While large (>3 kb sizes) clones have been previously isolated from these libraries, all the SL8 clones were partial and contained only the 3' end of the genes. Cosmid clones were isolated from a genomic library of the *F.o.I* race 2 resistant variety *L. esculentum* var. Mogeor, constructed in the cosmid TDNA 04541 (Jones et al., 1992).

(c) Sequence analysis

Cosmid clones were either subcloned into the Bluescript plasmid or sequenced directly. The cDNA clones were subcloned into the Bluescript vector and then sequenced. Sequencing was performed with an automated Applied Biosystems 5 Sequencer. Sequence analysis was performed using the sequence analysis software package of the 'University Wisconsin, Genetics Computer Group' (Devereux et al, 1984).

(d) Physical mapping

Yeast DNA for pulse field gel electrophoresis analysis was digested with limiting 10 amounts of the restriction enzymes *Mlu*I, *Xba*I and *Sal*I, to obtain successive partial digestions. The digests were fractionated on counter clamped homogeneous electric field (CHEF) gels (BioRad), blotted and hybridized with probes. The maximal distance between a pair of markers was estimated according to the smallest partial band that contained both markers. Additionally, the DNA was digested with the rare cutters *Sgr*AI 15 and *Pme*I.

(e) Genetic mapping

RFLP analysis and *F.o.* inoculation were performed as previously described (Segal et al., 1992). F2 plants (1200) were screened for recombinants between *TG105* and *TG36*. When necessary, F3 seedlings from the recombinant plants were screened in 20 order to fix the recombination to a homozygous state. An additional 400 F3 plants were screened, and more recombinants were identified in the region. All the recombinants were analyzed for the different RFLP markers and for Fusarium resistance.

Example 1. High resolution mapping of *I2*

25 The *I2* Fusarium resistance gene was previously mapped to chromosome 11, between RFLP markers *TG105A* and *TG36*, 0.4 centimorgan from *TG105A* (Figure 1A, and Segal et al., 1992). To obtain higher resolution mapping of *I2*, we generated new markers in the region of *TG105A*, by chromosome walking from *TG105A* on lambda clones, and by subcloning a 350 kb YAC clone, YAC 340-63, that hybridized to 30 *TG105A*. Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) of YAC 340-63 was used to physically position genetically informative markers, as shown in Figure 1C. In order to localize the position of *I2* relative to the new markers, a segregating population of 1600 plants (F2

and F3) was screened for recombinations between *TG105A* and *TG36*, and 57 recombination events were detected. The recombinant plants were then tested for *F.o.1* race 2 resistance, and for RFLP markers located between *TG105A* and *TG36*. According to the resulting map (Figure 1B), *I2* maps to the multi-copy marker *SL8D*, which represents the edge of YAC 340-63 (Figure 1C) and lies genetically between markers 6-16 and *TG36*, 0.23 cM from 6-16 and 1.3 cM from *TG36*. In previous studies we utilized recombinant inbred (RI) lines for mapping of *I2* (Ori et al, 1994). Interestingly, in spite of some inconsistencies in linearity of markers between the RI and the F2 population described here, *SL8D* completely cosegregated with *I2* also when mapped using the RI lines (data not shown). The *SL8* marker showed a remarkably high rate of polymorphism between *F.o.1* race 2 resistant and susceptible lines. In comparison, flanking markers showed a much lower degree of polymorphism, as judged by the paucity of restriction digests that yielded polymorphic bands.

15 **Example 2. *SL8* is a member of a gene family cosegregating with *I2***

The complete genetic cosegregation of *SL8D* with the *I2* resistance gene and the unique level of polymorphism between resistant and susceptible lines prompted us to further characterize the multicopy marker *SL8*. Sequence analysis revealed that *SL8* contains an open reading frame with similarity to a group of recently isolated resistance genes (see below). This suggested that *SL8* is a part of a gene that belongs to a family which includes the *I2* resistance gene. The gene of which the *SL8* probe was the 3' part was therefore designated *I2C-1* (*I2* candidate 1).

We wished to further characterize the different *SL8* family members as RFLP markers, draw criteria to distinguish between them, and analyze their genomic distribution. A comparison of the *SL8* RFLP patterns of resistant and susceptible type lines, obtained with the restriction enzyme *TaqI*, is shown in Figure 2. Approximately 17 different *TaqI* bands hybridized to the *SL8* probe, and many of them were polymorphic between resistant and sensitive lines. Resistant-type bands, consistent among all tested lines, were designated TR1-TR8. The rest of the bands were either nonpolymorphic or polymorphic between the susceptible lines, because of the different parental origins. As several polymorphic *TaqI* bands were detected with the *SL8* probe, direct allelism cannot be established. In the entire F2 population, a single recombinant plant was identified

between all the polymorphic SL8-bands (BR 30(5) in Figure 2), which separated *SL8D* into two distinct loci, *SL8D-1* and *SL8D-2*. (Figure 1B). Except for this case, all polymorphic SL8 bands cosegregated. The recombinant individual BR30 (5) is sensitive to *F. o.* race 2, and contains one resistant-type TaqI band, TR7, but lacks the others 5 (TR1-6 and TR8). Similar additional southern blots and progeny tests of BR 30(5) confirmed these results (data not shown). Therefore, bands TR1-TR6 and TR8 appear to completely cosegregate with each other and with *I2*, and are all candidates for the resistance gene. However, the possibility of a recombination within the gene should also be considered. This could result in a sensitive plant containing a part of the resistance 10 gene, and consequently a polymorphic band that belongs to the resistance gene. In addition, the possibility exists that a nonpolymorphic band represents the resistance gene. The latter is unlikely as will be shown below.

Example 3. Genomic distribution of *I2C*

15 As only a subset of the *SL8* copies showed polymorphism between the parents of the F2 populations used for mapping, additional populations were incorporated to map all the SL8 fragments. The first is an introgression-lines (IL) population, in which single chromosome segments from *L. pennellii* were introgressed into a *L. esculentum* background. Both parental species of the IL population carry the susceptible allele at the 20 *I2* locus (Eshed and Zamir, 1994). Figure 3A illustrates the genomic segments introgressed from chromosomes 8, 9 and 11 in the IL lines, which proved relevant for the *SL8* mapping. All *SL8* copies appear to be polymorphic between *L. esculentum* and *L. pennellii* (Figure 3B, lanes 1 and 2), a feature which facilitated their mapping. DNA digests from the IL lines were compared by southern blot hybridization with *SL8* with 25 that *L. esculentum* and *L. pennellii* (Figure 3B). *L. pennellii* bands that are contained in each IL, as well as their allelic *L. esculentum* bands that are absent from these lines, represent *SL8* copies that originate from the region introgressed in the respective line. One *SL8* copy mapped to the short arm of chromosome 8 (*SL8A*), as one *L. pennellii*-type band is present, and one *L. esculentum*-type band is absent from IL 8-1. Similarly, 30 one copy with weaker homology mapped near the centromere of chromosome 9 (*SL8B*; Figure 3A,B). More accurate location of these two copies was obtained using lines containing shorter introgressed segments of the region, derived by selection of

recombinants from the F2 of the original IL crossed back to *L. esculentum* var. M82 as illustrated in Figure 3A. The rest of the *SL8* copies mapped to the long arm of chromosome 11. Two of the introgression lines, IL 11-3 and IL 11-4, contain *L. pennellii* segments from the long arm of chromosome 11 (Figure 3A). By comparing these two lines, three genetically distinct groups of *SL8* family members could be identified on chromosome 11. The first (*SL8C*) maps to the region exclusively introgressed in IL 11-3, the second (*SL8D*) to the region of overlap between the IL 11-3 and IL 11-4, and the third (*SL8E*) to the region exclusively introgressed in IL 11-4. As previously established, the *I2* resistance gene maps to the region of overlap designated *SL8D*.

Higher resolution mapping of the chromosome 11-based *SL8* loci was accomplished using an F2 population of 150 plants, generated from an initial cross between *L. esculentum* and an introgression line that contains the long arm of chromosome 11 (line 11, Eshed et al., 1992). Analysis of the F2 population corroborated the division of *SL8* markers into clusters. *SL8C* and *SL8D* cosegregated completely with the RFLP markers *TG546* and *6-16*, respectively, and *SL8E* mapped between markers *TG26* and *TG105*, 0.25 cM from *TG26* (Figure 3). The susceptible-type *L. esculentum* is a common parent between the IL population and the F2 population. A comparison of the *SL8* RFLP patterns of the ILs (Figure 3) with those of resistant and susceptible *L. esculentum* plants (Figure 2), shows clearly that nearly all fragments that belong to group *SL8D* are polymorphic between the resistant and susceptible F2 parents (compare Figure 2 and Figure 3). The nonpolymorphic bands in Figure 2 belong mostly to the other groups. This indicates that the region containing cluster *SL8D* is the region which was originally introgressed from *L. pimpinellifolium* into *L. esculentum*.

Example 4. Heterogeneity in recombination rates in the *I2* region

The locus *SL8-D*, containing at least 4 clustered members of the *I2C* family, spans a 0.03 cM region in the *I2* locus. Two cosmid clones of approximately 20 kb insert from this cluster, *I2C-134* and *I2C-150* (Fig. 11), contain only one copy of *SL8*. Hence, 0.03 cM genetic interval spans at least 20 kb, which assigns an estimation of at least 670 kb/cM in the region containing this group. This ratio is similar to the average of 550 kb/cM over the entire genome. In contrast, in proximal regions the ratio is <150 kb/cM between *D2* and *SL8* (*I2C-1*; Figure 1) and approximately 43 kb/cM between *TG105A*

and *TG26* (Segal et al., 1992). High variability in the physical to genetic ratio is common in the context of different regions of the chromosome, and is shown here to fluctuate regionally as well.

5 **Example 5. *I2C* Genes share structural similarity with a family of plant resistance genes**

Candidate members of the *I2C* gene family were isolated from genomic libraries of *F. o. 1* race 2 resistant tomatoes utilizing *SL8* as a probe. The isolated clones were compared to the genomic DNA on southern blots, and clones that contain resistant-type 10 polymorphic bands from the *SL8D* locus were further characterized. The cosmid clone *I2C-134* (Figs. 11, 12) contains the *I2C-1* gene, that includes in its 3' region the *SL8* marker (Fig. 1C). It was found to contain the polymorphic bands *TR1* and *TR5* (Fig. 2). *I2C-134* also exhibits resistant-type polymorphic bands after digestion with other endonucleases, such as *HindIII*, *DraI* and *EcoRI* (data not shown). Cosmid *I2C-150* (Fig. 15 11) contains another gene, *I2C-2*, represented by the polymorphic bands *TR4* and *TR7* (Fig. 2). As the recombination in individual *BR 30(5)* has occurred between band *TR7* and the other resistant-type bands, it would be expected that the gene which contains *TR7* will not contain other resistant-type bands. The presence of both *TR4* and *TR7* bands in 20 *I2C-150* could be explained either by a recombination within the gene *I2C-2* in the individual *BR 30(5)*, or by comigration of bands of different origin. Other cosmids isolated contained non-polymorphic bands, and were not sequenced.

One continuous open reading frame was identified in each of the genes *I2C-1* and *I2C-2*. Fig. 8 shows a comparison between the deduced amino acid sequences of the *I2C-1* and the *I2C-2* genes and recently isolated plant resistance genes. Although the overall 25 homology is rather low, an intriguing structural similarity is apparent. All genes contain in their N terminus a conserved nucleotide binding site, P-loop, and other conserved amino acid stretches of unknown function, which are shown in Fig. 8 as boxes I-VI. In their C terminus they all display a long region of leucine-rich-repeats (LRR), which spans at least half of the gene. The LRR of *I2C-1* are aligned in Fig. 9. The N terminal 30 parts of the *I2C* repeat segment are comparable to the consensus LRR found in the resistance genes *RPS2*, *N* gene and *L6*, and to the consensus of the *T-LR* VSG expression site associated gene from *Trypanosoma* (Fig. 9, Ross et al., 1991; Smiley et al., 1990).

The latter protein shares 52 % similarity and 25 % identity with the 3' part of *I2C-1*. The C-terminal parts of the repeat segments are not conserved, and are of variable length.

Example 6. Transcribed sequences from the I2C gene family contain insertion and frame-shifts.

In order to compare different resistant-type members of the I2C family, three different cDNA libraries of resistant tomato varieties were screened with the SL8 probe. Fifteen independent clones were isolated, and all of them were shorter than *I2C-1*, containing only the 3' ends of the genes. The reason for obtaining only partial clones is not known, as much longer inserts have been isolated from these libraries. Two of the longest clones, designated *I2C-3* and *I2C-4*, of 1200 and 1600 bp long, respectively, were sequenced. Interestingly, one of the cDNA clones, *I2C-4*, contains two frame shifts, and thus, if translated, would result in a truncated peptide. In Fig. 10, *I2C-4* is artificially shown as a continuous chimera of the 3 different ORFs, and the junctions are indicated with arrows. The comparison of the 3' region of the two genomic and two cDNA clones is shown in Fig. 10. Striking insertions or deletions, chiefly in the C-terminal region, can be observed. Most insertions are shared by at least two different genes, though the combinations are different for each insertion. Interestingly, close to the C-terminus the different genes contain between 2 and 6 repeats of an almost identical sequence. These repeats are indicated in Fig. 10. The largest insertions in genes *I2C-3* and *I2C-4* are made up exclusively of these repeats.

Example 7. Plant transformation procedures

In order to correlate the disease resistance capacity of the I2C genes, they have been transformed into tomato plants in a few different formats:

(a) Cosmid clones 12C-134 and 12C-150 containing the complete inserts of clones I2C-1 and I2C-2, respectively, in the BamHI site of cosmid TDNA 04541 (Jones et al., 1992) (Fig. 11), were directly transformed into sensitive tomato lines VF-36 and Money Maker (Jones et al., 1992). Another 10 cosmids have been isolated by homology to I2C and were similarly transformed. To this end the cosmids were transferred into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* using standard transformation procedures. The binary vector

A. *tumefaciens* LBA 4404 is suitable for the transformation procedure. Tomato explants are inoculated as described in Jones et al., 1992.

(b) Similarly, clone I2C-1 was introduced into the PGA492 binary vector supplemented with the B-domain of the 35S promoter (constructs 134 A and 134H) and 5 were directly transformed into the same sensitive tomato lines as described above.

Fig. 12 depicts sense constructs from the I2C-134 cosmid containing the I2C-1 clone in the PGA492 binary vector. A depicts an *Acc*I subclone, 134A, containing approximately 3kb upstream and 300 bp downstream to the open reading frame (ORF), cloned into the *Cla*I site of the PGA492 vector; B. depicts a *Hinc*II subclone, 134H, 10 containing around 3kb upstream and 800 bp downstream to the translated region, cloned into the *Hpa*I site of the PGA492 vector; D depicts a small subclone from the BS subclone of cosmid 134 depicted in C, containing 300 bp upstream and 800 bp downstream to the translated region, cloned downstream from the B domain (B Dom) of the 35S promoter, in the PGA492 vector, to create 134B.

(c) Antisense and sense partial clones were constructed with partial sequences from I2C-1, I2C-2, and I2C-3, and subcloned into 35S omega expression vectors in the PGA492 binary vector. These constructs (2-1, 6-3, 5-1 and 31-17) were transformed into 15 resistant tomato lines (Motelle) as described in section (a) above.

Fig. 13 depicts the antisense and sense constructs 2-1, 6-3, 5-1 and 31-17 for 20 transformation of Fusarium resistant tomatoes. On the top is a map of SL8-134 (I2); indicated is the *Hind*III fragment used for the antisense and sense cloning in 2-1 and 6-3, which spans nucleotides 2540-3716 in the I2C-1 sequence shown in Fig. 4. Constructs 5- 25 1 and 31-17 contain the full-length insert of cDNA I2C-3. 35S is the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S promoter, Ω is a translation enhancer from tobacco mosaic virus, and nos 3' is a terminator, 3' untranslated sequence of the nopaline synthase gene. All the clones were prepared in the PAG492 binary vector using the unique *Xba*I site.

The resulting transformed tomato lines are tested for complementation of 30 Fusarium resistance in sensitive lines like Money Maker or abrogation of Fusarium resistance in the Motelle line. Tests are carried out by inoculating 10 days old seedlings with freshly prepared Fusarium fungus cultures and disease is estimated during 10-20 days following inoculation. Sensitive plants show retarded growth browning of vascular tissue and usually dye within 20 days.

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CLAIMS:

1. A DNA molecule selected from the group comprising:
 - (i) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-1 (SEQ. ID. NO.:1);
 - 5 (ii) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-2 (SEQ. ID. NO.:2);
 - (iii) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-3 (SEQ. ID. NO.:3);
 - 10 (iv) a DNA molecule having a nucleotide sequence derived from the coding region of the clone herein designated I2C-4 (SEQ. ID. NO.:4);
 - (v) a DNA molecule characterized by containing a coding sequence representing at least 60% similarity with the encoded open reading frame in the DNA sequence of at least one of the DNA molecules (i) and (ii);
 - 15 (vi) a DNA molecule capable of hybridization with any one of the DNA molecules (i)- (v) under moderately stringent conditions;
 - (vii) a DNA molecule that differs, by insertion, deletion or as a result of the degenerative nature of the genetic code, from the DNA sequences (i)-(vi); and
 - (viii) a fragment of any of the DNA molecules (i)- (vii).
- 20 2. A DNA molecule according to claim 1 which is expressed in tomato plants and confers resistance to *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp *lycopersici* race 2 in said tomato plants.
3. A gene construct containing a DNA molecule according to claim 2.
- 25 4. A gene construct according to claim 3 wherein said DNA molecule includes regulatory sequences that flank the coding region.
5. A cosmid into which is subcloned a gene construct according to claim 4.
- 30 6. A gene construct according to claim 3 which further comprises DNA regulatory sequences enabling the expression of said DNA molecule in plant cells.

7. An expression vector comprising a gene construct according to claim 6 wherein said DNA regulatory sequences comprise a plant promoter, a DNA sequence that enhances translation of the mRNA transcribed from said DNA molecule and a polyadenylation/terminator sequence.

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8. A tomato cell line or plant line transformed with a cosmid according to claim 5 or with an expression vector according to claim 6 or 7.

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9. Tomato plants regenerated from transformed cells according to claim 8.

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10. A method of selective breeding of Fusarium resistant tomatoes employing a DNA molecule according to claim 1 as a direct restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) probe, which comprises:

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(i) marking said DNA molecule with a suitable marker; and

(ii) reacting said probe of (i) with DNA extract of a tomato plant under hybridization conditions;

thus obtaining restriction-length polymorphism that is indicative of a resistance-type gene, which facilitates the selection of progeny that contains said resistance gene.

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11. A method of screening new diseases in plants of the Solanaceae family employing a DNA molecule according to claim 1 as a direct RFLP probe which comprises:

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(i) marking said DNA molecule with a suitable marker; and

(ii) reacting said probe of (i) with DNA extracts from said Solanaceae species,

thus identifying the homologous gene family in those species which can be linked to known resistance genes in those species.

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12. Use of a DNA molecule according to claim 1 as a direct RFLP probe for selective breeding of Fusarium resistant tomatoes.

13. Use of a DNA molecule according to claim 1 as a direct RFLP probe for screening new diseases in plants of the Solanaceae family.

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FIG. 1A

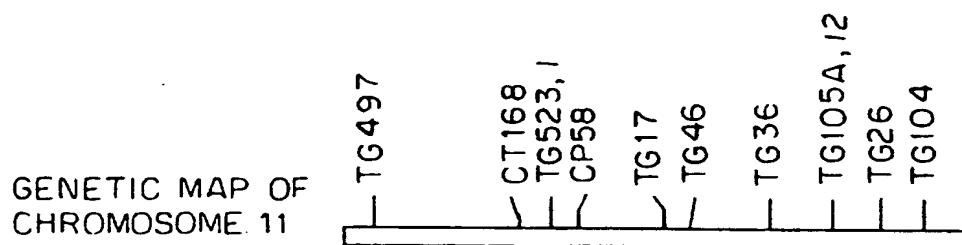


FIG. 1B

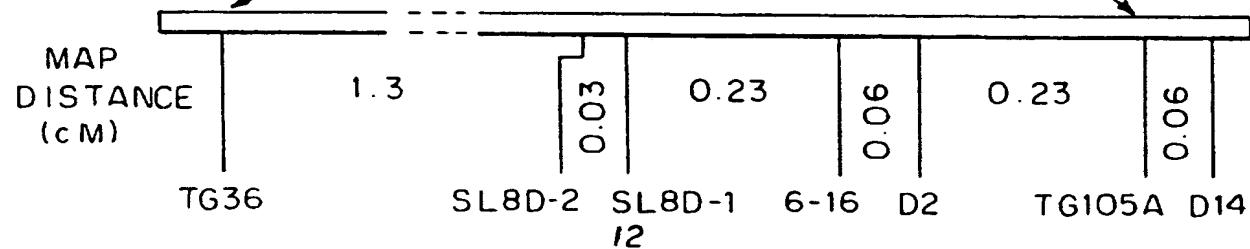


FIG. 1C

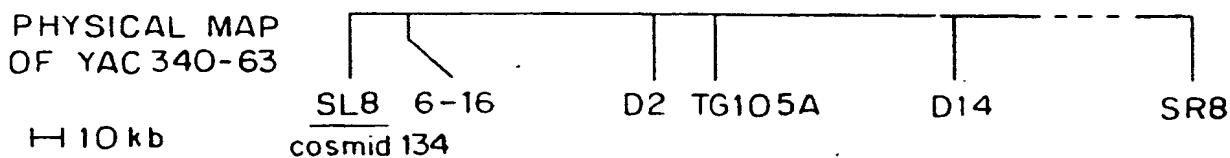


FIG. 2

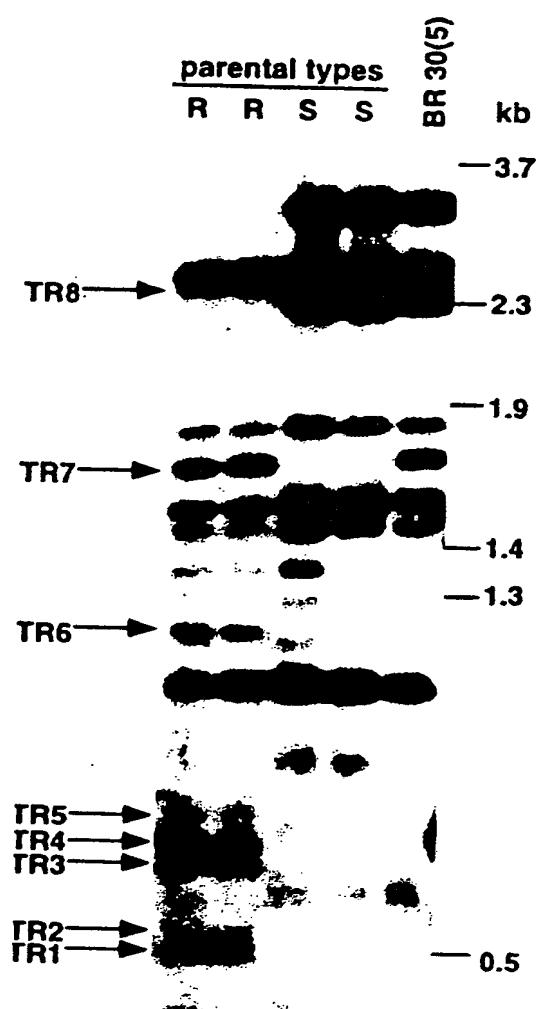


FIG. 3A

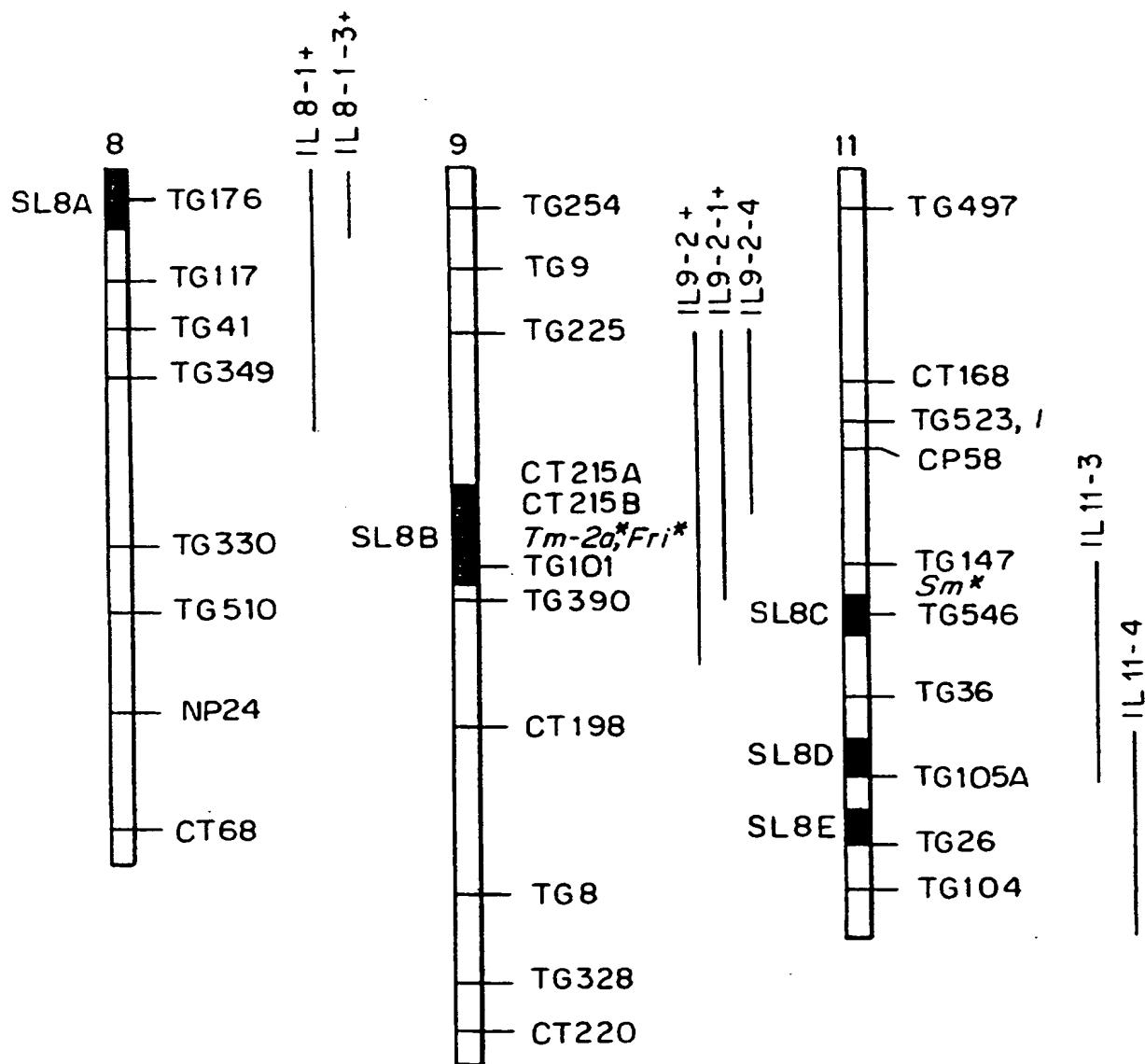


FIG. 3B

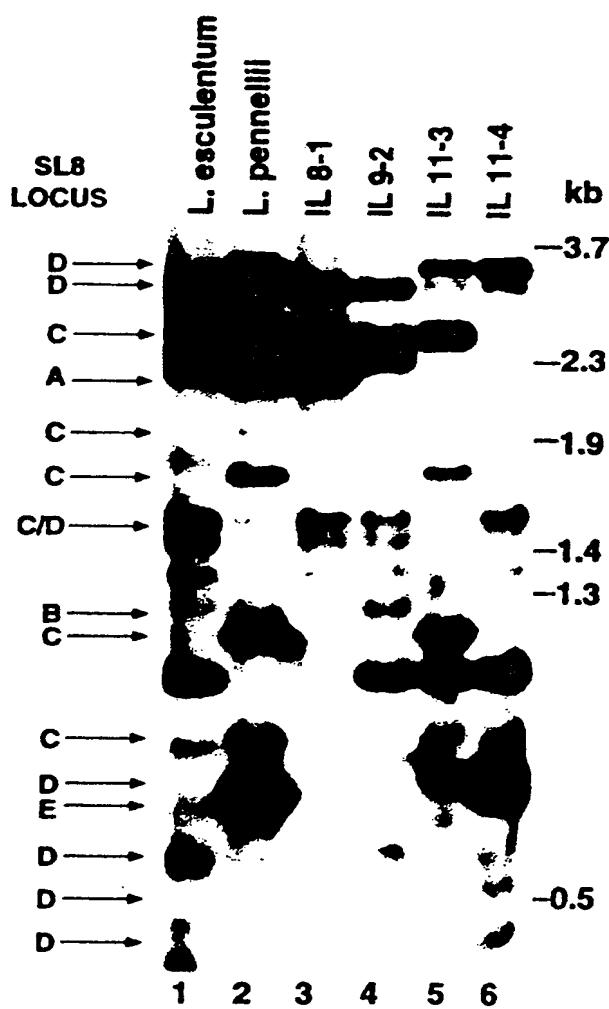


FIG. 4A

FIG. 4B

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 E V L P N D L P I K L L R P I D L S I T S I T A L . R . D . S . I . P . V . L . Y . N . L
 1902 AGAGACACTTCTCTGTCTATCTGTGAAATCTCTGAGGCTACAGTGGGAAAGTGTGAAATCTCTGACATAAGCAACACTCGGCGCTGAGA
 P L H L S R L K S L Q V L V G A K P L V Q G W R H E Y L C S A P N L Y Q
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 S L S I L E N V V D R R P A V K A K M R S K N H V E Q L S L E W S E S
 2232 CATTAGTGCTGACATTCAACAGAAAGACATACATGAGGCTAGTAAAGCTGCCCACATTAAGGAGCTGTTGAATTCACTGGTAACTGAGTAA
 I S A D N S O T E R D I L D E L R P H K N I K A V E I T C Y R G T N P P N
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 W V A D P L P V K L V H L Y L R N C A D C Y S I P A L . G Q L P C L E P L
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 E W K O W H T L G E P Q T L E K L S I K N C P E L S L E I P 1 O P S S
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 L K B I D I C D C K S V T S P Q P S I L P T T L K R I K I S G C P K L A
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 L E A P V G E M P V E Y L S V I D C G C V D D I S P E P L P T A R O L S I
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 P N L Q I L D I R Y C K K L V N G R K S H H L Q R L T E L W I K H D Q S D
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 E H I E H W E L P S S I Q R L P I F N L K T L S S O H L K S L T S L O P L
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 R I V G N L S O P O S Q C O L S S P S H L T S L O T L Q I W N E L N L Q

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FIG. 4C

FIG. 5A

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FIG. 6

1	AATTGGCAC	GAGAATTGAA	ATTGGAGGCT	CCAGTTGGTG	AGATGTTGT
51	GGAGTATTTG	AGTGTGAATG	ATTGTGGTTG	TGTAGAAGAT	ATATCACCTG
101	AGTTTCTCCC	AACAGCACGT	AAATTGATTA	TTACGGATTG	CCAGAACGTT
151	ACTAGGATTT	TGATTCCCTAC	TGCCACTGAA	ACTCTCACTA	TTGAGAATTG
201	TGAGAATGTT	AAAAAACTAT	CGGTGGCATG	TGGAGGAGCG	GCCCAGATGA
251	CGTCTCTGAT	TATTTCGGAG	TGTAAGAAC	TCAAGTGTCT	TCCAGAACGT
301	ATGCAGGAAC	TCCTTCCATC	TCTCAAGGAA	CTGCGTCTGT	CTGATTGTCC
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401	ATTGCAAGAA	ATTGGTGAAT	GGCCGAAAGG	AGTGGCATTT	ACAGAGACTC
451	ACAGAGTTAT	GGATCCATCA	TGATGGGAGT	GACCAAGATA	TTGAACATTG
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551	TAAGCAGCCA	ACATCTAAA	AGCCTCACCT	CTCTTCATA	TCTATGTTT
601	GATGTAATT	TATCTCAGAT	TCAGTCACAA	GGCCAGCTTT	CCTCCTTTTC
651	TCACCTCACT	TCGCTTCAA	CTCTACAAAT	CCGTAATCTC	CAATCACTTG
701	CTGCATTAGC	ACTGCCCTCC	TCCCTCTCTC	ACCTGACCAT	CCTCAATTTC
751	CCTAATCTCC	AATCACTTTC	AGAATCAGCA	CTGCCCTCCT	CCCTCTCTCA
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851	TGCCCTCCTC	CCTCTCTCAC	CTGGACATCT	CCAATTGCC	TAATCTCAA
901	TCACTTTCAG	AATCAGCACT	GCCCTCCTCC	CTCTCTAGCC	TGACCATCTA
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1101	CATCGATTGG	GAACGCATGT	AATGATTAAA	ACGAATGGCT	CCCCAACTGA
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1251	TTTGAGATGC	GACTATCAA	GAAGGGCGAT	TACGATCAGT	GTACCCCTGA
1301	TATTATTTCA	TGTTTCCAGT	GCAAGCTTCT	TTTGTAAAGTT	GACAAACTTG
1351	ATTAGTTCTC	GTGCCGAATT	C		

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FIG. 7

1	CCAGGGTTTT	CCCAGTCACG	ACGTGTAAA	ACGACGGCCA	GTGAATTGTA
51	ATACGACTCA	CTATAGGGCG	AATTGGAGCT	CCACCGCCGT	GGCGGCGCT
101	CTAGAAGTAG	TGGATCCCC	CGGGCTGCAG	GAATTCTATG	GCAGATTGTC
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751	tGAAGTGTAA	GAAGCTCAAG	TGCTCTGCCAG	AACGTATGCA	GGAACTCCTT
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1251	ACTTGCTGAA	TCAGCACTGC	CCTCCTCCCT	CTCTCACCTG	AACATCTATG
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1351	TCTCACCTGG	ACATCTCCA	TTGTCCTAAT	CTCCAATCAC	TACCTGAATC
1401	AGCACTGCTC	TCCTCCCTCT	CTCACCTGG	CATCTCCAC	TGTCTTAATC
1451	TCCAATCACT	TGCTGAATCA	GCACGTGCCCT	CCTCCCTCTC	TCACCTGACC
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1951	TTGTAAAGACT	TAAGTACAGA	AAATCAAAATT	AGAATTATAA	CTCGCGATGG
2001	TTGAGTAAAC	TCCAAGAAC	TCGTGCC		

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I2C-1MEIGLAIGGAFLSSALNVLFDR LAPNGDILLNMFRKH	36
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RPS2	0
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CON.		
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RPM1	I MKKE IMKS.F E T.H HGG GSTTTTQLF F ANTRD AY IEDILDEPGYHINGY	92
RPS2MDFISSLIVGCAQ. CESM MAEKRGHKT D... RQ ITDL TA GDLKAIRDD T RIQ..	57
N-GENE	DTRKTFTSH YEV NDKG KTFQ DXRLEYGATIPGELCKAIEESQF IVVFS NYATSRWC NEL KIM	91
L6	DTREQFTDF YQS RRYK HTFR DDELLKGKEIGPNL RAIDQSKIYVPIISSGYADSKWC MELA IV	140
CON.		
I2C-1	NQQVSDL.NLCLSDDFFLNIKKLEDTIKKLEVLEKQIGRLGLXEHFIS.....TK.....	153
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CON.		
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RPS2	ELRERSEAIIK D.GG I QVTCREIPI SVVG TIMMEQV E.FLSEEEERGIIGVY P V MQSI	195
N-GENE	TDADCIRQIVDQI SK CXI LSY.LQ IVGIDTHLEKIE LLEIGINGVRIMG W V I R I	229
L6	KQGAIADKVSAIDIWSHISKENL LETDELVG DDHITAV EKLSLDSE VTM GLY I T	278
CON.		
I2C-1P-LOOP	
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RPM1L . I EPD QS D.. ID .EGASG T L	214
RPS2	DGDAKWWNNISE. SLFFSENSLV IDAPKGK.. I .PEPQ ..I AV S SANI	213
N-GENE	ELRERSEAIIK D.GG I QVTCREIPI SVVG TIMMEQV E.FLSEEEERGIIGVY P V MQSI	195
L6	TDADCIRQIVDQI SK CXI LSY.LQ IVGIDTHLEKIE LLEIGINGVRIMG W V I R I	229
CON.		
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I2C-2	S KN . D K N . I .. V	278
RPM1	FRSQS RR . ESY VTI KS VIEDVFRTMK FYKEA TQIPAE YS	274
RPS2	GYRE VE V N ELITKG QYDVL VQM REFGECT QQAVGARGLG W E ETGENRA	250
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L6	KI.....SSC.FDCCCFIDN RETQEKGVVVLQK LVSEILRIDSGSVGPN DSGGRKTI	337
CON.		
<u>II</u>		<u>III</u>
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I2C-2	R K E K I N E V V D ... GNEQ S N T A	335
RPM1	Y QS YI TTGL.. REISIALPD IY RVMM DMN SFPYIGIG TKHEIEL KEDEA	342
RPS2	A RQ LL EIDL KTGVP..PDRENKC VMF .. I CNNMGAEYKLRVEF EKKHA	315
N-GENE	R RS KV I I.DNKDHYLEY AGGLEWPGN R I DKHLLI...EKNDIYEVTA PDHE I	354
L6	DEKFKFE M GSPKDFISQ. RF I S SMF LGTLNENQCKLYEV SM KPR L	405
CON.	K+oL _a VLDDV S+ _a oTTR	L
<u>IV</u>		
I2C-1	ALFKRHS. EHKDPKEHPEFEEVGKQLADKCKGLPLALKALAGMLRSKSEVDEWRNILRSEIWEPLSCSN	417
I2C-2	S Q AF. NM MG S L R A T E KC R..D	402
RPM1	V SNKAFPASLEQCRTQNL PIARKLVER O IAS GS MST KFES KKVYSTLN NNNHE	412
RPS2	E CSKVW..R LL SSSIRRLAEI VS G IT G AMAHRETEE IHASEVLTRFPAMKG	384
N-GENE	Q Q AFGKE...VPNEN KLSLEVNVYA VWGSL .HNLRLT KSAIE....HMKNNS	415
L6	E SK AFKKN...TPPSYY TLANDVV TTA T VIGSL .F Q IAV EDT E....Q RRTL	467
CON.	LF GLPLAL	EW

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I2C-1 ..GILPALMISYNDLPAH.LKQCFAYCAIYPKDYQPPKEQVIHLWIANGLVLHQFHS.....GNQYFIEL 478
 I2C-2 D R SF P P PVEDEI IQDL F L 468
 RPM1 LKIVRSIMP F YP. R L SLF VN RMKRKRL RM M QRF EPIRGVKAEEVADS LN 481
 RPS2 MNYVPAL KP DN ESDL RS L LF BEHSIEI LVEY VGE FLTSS GVNTIYK YFLIGD 454
 N-GENE YS IDK KI DG EPKQQEMFLDIACPLRGK...E DYILQILESCHIGAEYG.....LRI 471
 L6 LDEVYDR KI DA NPKAKEIFLDIACFFIGQ...N EPYYM TDCNPYPASN.....I P 523
 CON. a L aSY L

VI

I2C-1 RSRSLPBMASEP SERDVEF.FLMHDLVNDLQA.....IASSNH CIRLEDNKGSHMLEQC 531
 I2C-2 S RVPN GNIK LL KL ESQ 522
 RPM1 VY NMLQVILWNPPGRPKA. K VIWEISVS 515
 RPS2 KAAC LTG EKTQVK NV RSFLWMASEQ TYKELIL 494
 N-GENE IDK VFI.....SEYNQVQ IQ MGKYIVNPQKD PGERSRLWLAKEVEVMST T TMAM AI 533
 L6 IQ CMIQV.....GDDDE K QLR MGREIVRREMVL PWKRSRISAEgidL LNK SKVKA 584
 CON. a MHD-a -

I2C-1 RHMSYSIGQDG EFKLKS LFKS EQLRTLLPI..DIOQPHYSKKL SKRVLHNILPTL RSL RALSLSHYQIEV 599
 I2C-2 L M Y G TP Y L TCSVNYF .NP T KM E 541
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 RPS2 VEP MGHTEAPKA NWRQALVISL DNRIQT.....PEKLI CPK T MLOQNS KK.... 548
 N-GENE MVS STLRFSNQAV NMKRLRVFNM.....GRSS THYAI DYL PNN CFVCTNYPW... S 588
 L6 SI.PWGKVYEFKS CFLN SELRY HA.....REAMLTGDFN L N KW ELPPYK GE DDP 643
 CON.

I2C-1 LPNDLF I K L L R F L D L S E T S I T K L P D S I F V L Y N L E T L L S C E Y L E E L P L Q M E K L I N L R H L D I S N T R R L 669
 I2C-2 I R N K R C K. WH 660
 RPM1 S.... N A EDS S CLVTMF KY N KTQ.VK KNPH V ET NTKHSKIE 640
 RPS2 I TGF MHMPV V F B I L KY VE YH SM GTK.ISV QELGN RK K LQR QF 617
 N-GENE F STF..E M VH Q RH.....SLRH WTETKH PS RI L WSK 632
 L6 PLTNY..TM N IIVI EHSH ADD.....WCGWRHMMKMA R KVVR ASN SLYG RVRL DCW F 705
 CON.

I2C-1 KM..PLHLSRLKSLQVLVGAKFLVGGWRMEYLGEAHNLYGSL SILELEN VVD RREAVKAKMREKNHVEQL 737
 I2C-2 .. V D Q VVK P 728
 RPM1 BL.. GMWK KRY ITPR N GHDSNW Y.....LGT .. VP IWQ..... 682
 RPS2 QTIPRDAICW SK E .NLYYSTA ELQSP DEAERLG FAD YLENLTTLG ITVLSL..... 677
 N-GENE T. RTPDFTCM PN EY..VN.. YQCSNL EVHHSLGCCSKVIG Y NDCKSLKR PPCV NVESLEYLGLR 696
 L6 P. KSIEVLSMTAIEMDEV D..IGELKKLKT VLKFCPIQKI GGTPGMLKGL L.....CL FN 762
 CON.

I2C-1 SLEWSE SISADNSQTERDILDELRPHKNIK.AVEITGYRG TNPPNWADPLFVK.LVHLYLRNCKDCYSL 805
 I2C-2 Q.E K I L . K S 776
 RPM1L .DLQVMDC.....FN EDELIN 702
 RPS2E LKTLFEGAL H Q.HLHVEECNELLYF LPSLTNHGRN RR SIKS H LEY 733
 N-GENE CDSL KLPEIYGRM K P.....E QIHMQGS I ELP.SSIFQYKTH TX LLWNM....KNLVA 751
 L6 WGTNLREVV IG LSSLKV LKTTGA EVEIN EPL LKELSTSSRIPNLSQLLD EV KVYD GFDM 832
 CON.

I2C-1 PALGQ.....LPCLEFLSIRGMHGIRV VTEEFY G.....RLS 837
 I2C-2K VK 828
 RPM1 GCMT TRISLVMV RE RDLC..... 725
 RPS2 VTPADFENDW S V TLHSL NLTR.....WG 763
 N-GENE LPSSICRLKS VS SVSGCSKLESIPLPEEIGDLDNL R VF DAS DTL L L R P.....P 801
 L6 PASPSEDESSVWWKV...SKLKS L QLEKTRINVN VVDDASSGGLPRYLLPTSLTYLKIYQCTEPTW P 899
 CON.

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I2C-1	SKKPFNSLVKLRFEIMPEWKQWHTLG.IGEFPPTLEKLSIKNC.....PELSLEIPIQFSSLKRLD....	896
I2C-2	C E T A . I	FRVFGC 891
RPM1	..DSL KIKRI LSLTSIDEEEP E. DDL.....	753
RPS2	NSVSQDC RNI CINISHCNKLKVSVWQKL K VIELFD .....R IEEL SEHE P.....	818
N-GENE	IIRL K II M RGFKDGVHFEFPVAEGLHS Y NLSY NLID GG PE .GSL K L..S	866
L6	GIENLEN TS EVN IFQTLGGDLD L.QGLRS I R RKVNGLARIKG KDLLCSSTCK RKFYITEC	968
CON.		
I2C-1	.....ICDCKSVTSFPFSILPTTLKRIKISGCPKLKLEAPVGE..MFVEY	939
I2C-2	PVVF YDAQVLRSQLECMKQIEEY R N T D C MS L E	960
RPM1	.....ATASIE F AGXLERVPSWFNT	767
RPS2	.....VEDPT FPS TLRTRDL E N.....SILPSR	847
N-GENE	RNNFELHPSSIA QLGALGSDLK QRL QL ..E PE NELHVDCHMA FIHYLVTKRKKLHR	930
L6	POLIELLPCELVQTVVVPSMAELT R PRL.EVG..PMIRS PKFFP..... KLDLAVANITKE	1030
CON.		
I2C-1	LSVIDCGCV.....DDISPEFLPTARQLSIENCHNVTRFLIPTATESLH.IRNC..	987
I2C-2	F EE E R G T . EN	1006
RPM1	..QNLTYL.....GLRGSQLQEN .I QTLPLRVWLSFYN YMGPRL F...	821
RPS2	VKLD AHNDTMYNLFAYTMFQNISSMRR ISASDS SLTVFTGQPYPEKIPSWPHHQGWD SVSVN....	996
N-GENE	DA GSLEELV SLELELDDTSSGIERIVS SKLQKLTTLVV.....K PSLREIEGL E KSLQDLYL	1093
L6		
CON.		
I2C-1	.EKLSMACGGAQLTSNIWGCKKLKCLPELLPSLKELRLYCPE.....IEGELPFNLQILDIRYC	1048
I2C-2	V D'S Q N K Y D	1068
RPM1	.....QGFQN K LEIVQM H T VV..... DGAM E K YV A	860
RPS2	E WWK LEKDQPNEE C.....Y RFV N.....	909
N-GENE	... PENWYIPDKFLGFAVCYRSR IDTTAH IPVCDDK.....MSRMTQK A....LSECDE	1048
L6	EGCT LGRLPLEK KE D G PD TE VQTVVAVPS GLTIRDCPRLEVGPMIQS KFPMLNELTLS	1163
CON.		
I2C-1	KKLVNGRKEW.HLQRLTELWIKHDGSDEHIEHWELP....SSIQRLFIFNLKTLSSQHLKSLTSLQFLRI	1113
I2C-2	K V Y D C T EV I Y C	1133
RPM1	RG EYVPRGIEN IN Q HLI .V NQLV RIRGE....G VD .....SRV HIPAIKHYFR	914
RPS2	.....	909
N-GENE	SSNYSEWDIHFFFVPPFAG DTSKANGKTPNDYGIIRLSF GEEKMYGLR LYKEGPEVNA LQMRENSN	1118
L6	MVNITKED LEV GS E DSLELTL DTCSSI RISF L KL K TTLIVEVP LREIEG AE KS	1232
CON.		
I2C-1	VGNLSQFQSQQQLSSFSHLTSQTLQIWNFLNLQLSLPESALPSSLHLLISNCPNLQSLPLKGMPSSLST	1183
I2C-2	D PI I H S Q E FH N K	1203
RPM1	TD G FYV	926
RPS2	.....	909
N-GENE	EPTEHSTGIRR.TQYNNR FYE ....ING.....	1144
L6	LYLEGCTSLERLWPDQQQ G KN NVLDIQQCK SVDH SALKTT PPRARITWPDQ YR.....	1294
CON.		
I2C-1	LSISKCPLLTPILLEFDKGEYWTEIAHIPTIQIDEECM	1220
I2C-2	L G PQ L W YI	1240
RPM1	926
RPS2	909
N-GENE	1144
L6	1437
CON.		

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FIG. 10

I2C-1	EEFYGRILSSKKPPNSLVKLRFEDMPEWKWHTLGIGEPPTEKLSIKNCPELSLEIPIQF	889
I2C-2	C E E T A I	880
I2C-3	.....
I2C-4	Q C E E T G A N K	60
CON.	EEFYGRILSSKKPPN L K L F E D M W K Q W H L G I G E P P T L E L S I N C P E L S L I P I Q F	
I2C-1	SSLKR LD.....	921
I2C-2	FRVFGCPVVVFYDAQVLRSQLG MK Q I E E I Y R N	940
I2C-3	.....	1
I2C-4	Q V R G C P V V F D D A Q L F R S Q L E A M K Q I E A L Y R N I	120
CON.	SSLKR I D C S T S F P F S I L P T T L K I I	
I2C-1	G C P K L K L E A P V G E . . M F V E Y L S V I D C G C V D D I S P E F L P T A R Q L S I E N C H N V T R F L I P T A T	979
I2C-2	C M S L E F E E B E R G .	996
I2C-3	S A R E N E K I T D Q I	59
I2C-4	F .. L A C K M S F	178
CON.	L K E A P V E M F V E S V C G C V D D I S E F L P A L I C N T R F L I P T A T	
I2C-1	E S L H I R N C . . E K L S M A C G G A A Q L T S L N I W G C K K L K C L P . . . E L L P S L K E L R L T Y C P E T	1032
I2C-2	T E N V D S . . . Q N	1052
I2C-3	T T E E N V V M I S E E R M Q S D	119
I2C-4	T T S E N V V M L H L K E R M Q D Y S N	238
CON.	E L I N C E K L S A C G G A A Q T L I C K K L K C L P E L L P S L K E L L C P R I	
I2C-1	E G E L P F N L Q I L D I R Y C K K L V N G R K E W H L Q R L T E L W I K H D G S D E H I E H W E L P S S I Q R L P I F	1092
I2C-2	K Y D K V Y D C T E V	1112
I2C-3	K Y S H D S T C	179
I2C-4	H K R S D V H D C N R V Y	298
CON.	E G E L P F N L L I C K K L V N G R K E W H L Q R L T L I H D G S D E I E H W E L P S I L	
I2C-1	N L K T L S S Q H L K S L T S L Q F L R I V G N L S Q F Q S Q G Q L S S F S H L T S L Q T L Q I W N F . . .	1143
I2C-2	I Y C D P I I . . .	1164
I2C-3	I Y C P D I R . . .	228
I2C-4	M I C S G I . . . R R G N L Q S L A E S	355
CON.	N T L S S Q H L K S L T S L Q L G N L S Q S Q L S S F S H L T S L Q T L Q I	
I2C-1	1	
I2C-2	.....	1143
I2C-3	.....	1163
I2C-4	.....	273
CON.	.....	415
I2C-1	2	3
I2C-2	.....	1180
I2C-3	.....	1200
I2C-4	.....	333
CON.	.....	475
I2C-1	.....
I2C-2	.....
I2C-3	.....
I2C-4	.....
CON.	.....
I2C-1	L S T L S I S K C P L L T P L L E F D K G E Y W T E I A H I P T I Q I D E E C M	1220
I2C-2	K L G P Q L W Y I 1240	
I2C-3	E A K G P N S Y W R 373	
I2C-4	K S N N S W K 515	
CON.	L S L I S C L L P L L E F K G E Y W I A H I I D	
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FIG. 11

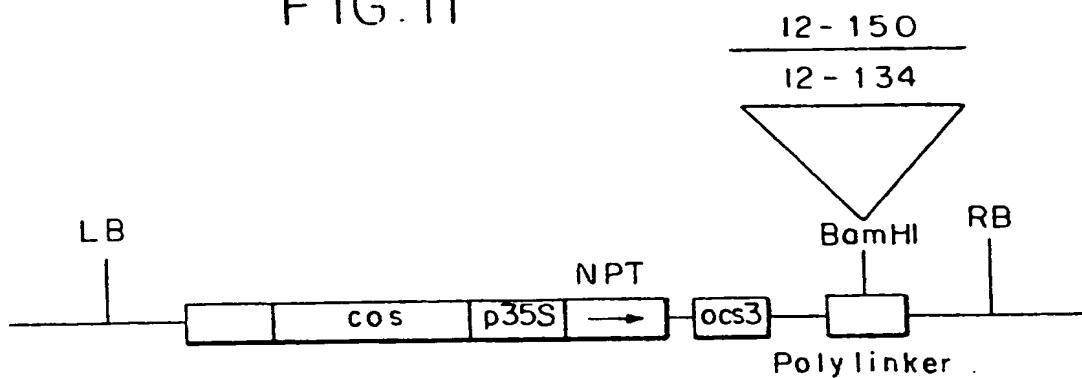


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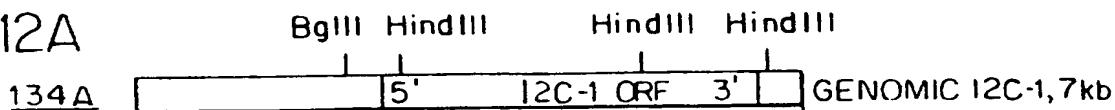


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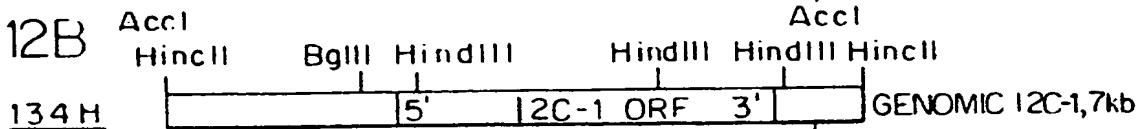


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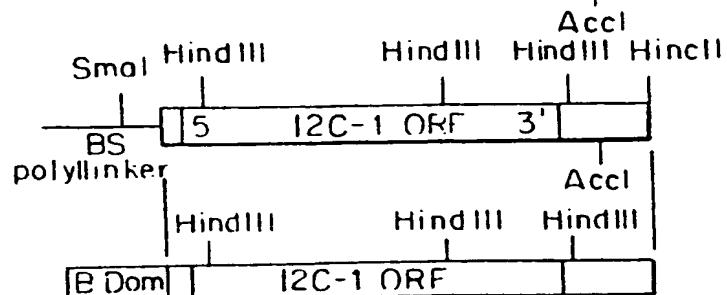
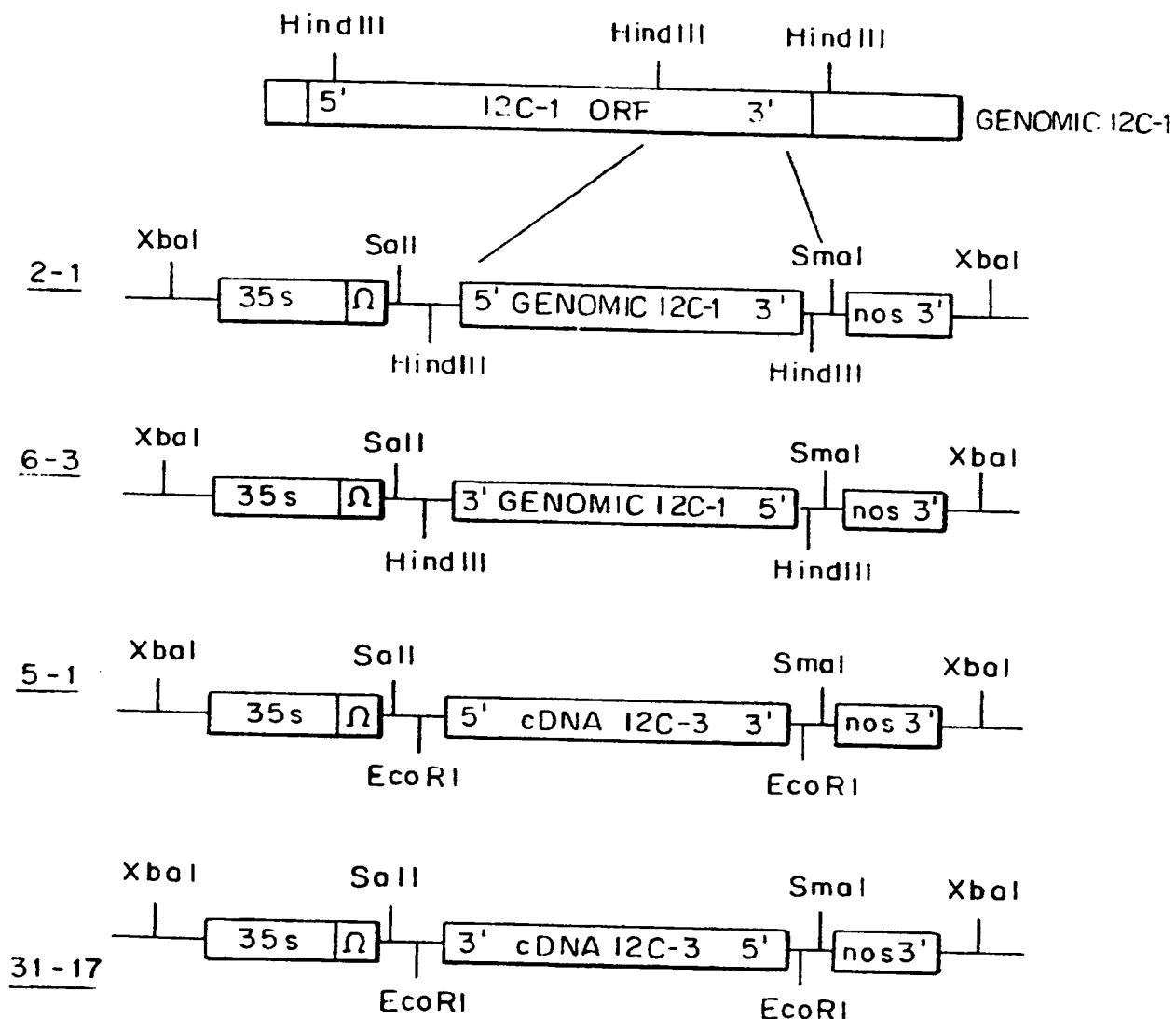


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